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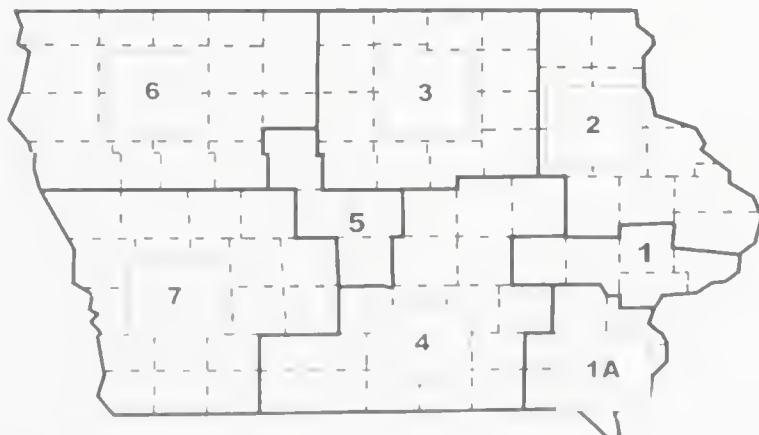
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From the Editor

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in *The Iowa Collector*? The editor welcomes news of club happenings in the *Iowa Numismatic Associations* region. Send any information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers and other club news and articles, prepared by club members, to the Editor. Include any photographs with your article, to make your story more interesting.

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Presidents Message



Lee Roe

Hello from Cascade!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Now is our time. After all the decorations are put away and all of our family and friends have gone home, we can get down to what all collectors like to do when the days grow short and the nights get longer. We can explore the world of coin collecting without interruption until its time for spring cleaning.

We are blessed with some great shows in Iowa. The Nevada, Iowa show kicks off our INA shows meetings for 2010. This is a great show and a great opportunity to see what's happening in the field of numismatics and it's also a great chance for the INA district representatives to bring up new ideas suggestions to improve our organization. With that in mind, I encourage you to write or call your district reps and let them know your interests. Let them know what things our organization can do to help you in your numismatic exploration. Maybe you'd like to see the group organize a bus trip to an ANA show or establish a scholarship for someone to go to the ANA grading classes each summer. We need your ideas. The more input we have, the more the INA can do to meet your needs and implement programs to help spread the knowledge and joy of coin collecting. You can also send your ideas directly to any of the INA Board of Officers listed in the front of our newsletter.

Please check out the list of shows, in Iowa, that is included in our newsletter. We hope to see you at many of these events throughout the year and we wish you all success and prosperity in 2010.

Happy New Year

Lee Roe



From the Secretaries Desk

Beverly Ashton



Thanks to everyone who voted for me for Numismatist of the Year, I was humbled that I won

Thank you to Chris Seuntjens and the Des Moines Coin Club for a great INA show at Altoona. The weather was a little iffy first thing on Saturday with Des Moines getting snow. Thank goodness it was an early season snow that didn't amount to anything. As I'm writing this the Iowa City show on Dec. 13 is fast approaching. I wonder what the weather will be doing this year. That means Christmas is just around the corner and I'm still not sure how we are so close to the end of the year. I wish I could figure out a way to slow down time, but each year keeps going faster and faster.

Can you believe the bullion market? It is impossible to figure out what is going on from day to day. As I'm writing this silver is around \$19.25 and gold is around \$1,216.00. I guess it's like the rest of the economy, nobody knows what is going on with any of it.

See you at the shows.

Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary/Treasurer

INA BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INA's Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:

February 27, 2010 at Coin-a-Rama, Nevada, Iowa

July 10, 2010 at Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Altoona, Iowa

October 9, 2010 at Annual INA Coin Show, Altoona, Iowa

October 10, 2010 Open membership meeting, Altoona, Iowa

President Lee Roe called the meeting to order. The minutes were read. Ron Burns moved that they be accepted, George Shook seconded and they were approved. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$7,602.81 in the general fund and \$936.05 in the ICTA fund. Dean Parr moved that we accept the report, Chris Seuntjens seconded and the Treasurer's report was approved.

Denny Ross said the seminars were well received, grading guides were very popular and disappeared fast. Numismatist of the Year was mentioned. Don McCulloch didn't remember getting information earlier. Don was given the information again, the plaque will be awarded at Nevada.

Denny asked about security for loading out on Sunday. Is it in the Convention manual? No it is not in the manual that security must be provided, but it was agreed that some sort of security is a good idea even if it is only a couple of club members wearing shirts that say security.

Chris asked about feelings about dealers leaving early. Denny made a motion that we add to the contracts that dealers have to stay until 3:00 PM Sunday (weather permitting) or they will be put at the bottom of a waiting list. Chris seconded and the motion was approved that this would be added to the convention manual. There was a lot of discussion about how Central States and the ANA had been adding similar rules for their shows.

Ron Burns brought up that 2013 would be the 75th Anniversary of the INA. Since the INA was founded in Iowa City Ron thought they should be offered the chance to host it that year. After much discussion, Don made a motion that INA shows be held in Des Moines until 2012 and then in Iowa City in 2013 if they want to do that. Fort Dodge would like to have it in 2013 if Iowa City is not interested. Chris seconded and it was approved.

Chris awarded Clifford Mishler a thank you plaque for his seminar. Mr. Mishler said he would love to come back for our 75th in Iowa City.

Sam thanked Chris and the Des Moines Coin Club for the show and all their hard work. Thanks also for the quarter books and gloves that were available to give to kids.. it was great advertising. Chris thanked Denny for all the work he did to help him with the advertising.

John Jackson made a motion to make the listing of club meetings, in The Collector, be only for INA member clubs. Don Seconded and it was approved.

John asked if anyone had any show dates to confirm with him for next year. He was filled in on several dates.

Denny moved we adjourn, Don seconded and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Ashton

INA Secretary-Treasurer

Members present: Sam Ashton, Denny Ross, John Jackson, Ron Burns, Dean Parr, Don McCulloch, Chris Seuntjens, Clarence Mitchell, Dave Stark, Lee Roe & Bev Ashton

Annual Membership Meeting October 11, 2009 Altoona, Iowa

Lee called the meeting to order. Minutes were read, JoAnn Peters motioned they be accepted. Denny Ross seconded, they were accepted. Treasurers report was given with a balance in the regular account of \$7,602.81 and \$936.05 in the ICIA fund. George Shook motioned they be accepted as read, Harry Peters seconded and they were approved.

Lee recapped a little of the previous evening's board meeting. The Possibility of a show in Iowa City for the 75th anniversary was discussed and favorably accepted by members.

Lee awarded a plaque to Ron Lashmit as a thank you for the seminar he gave on Saturday. Bev Ashton was announced as Numismatist of the Year.

Denny made a motion to adjourn, Lee seconded and the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted: Beverly Ashton, INA Secretary Treasurer

Financial Statement

July 11, 2009 - October 10, 2009

Starting Balance	INA Regular	ICIA Fund
	8,227.49	934.87
Receipts		
Medals	7.00	
Dues	80.00	
Ads	30.00	
Interest	<u>2.88</u>	Interest <u>1.18</u>
	119.88	1.18
Expenses		
Collector Printing (1)	571.34	
Collector Postage Labels	117.66	
Envelopes & Labels	<u>32.27</u>	
	744.56	
Current Balances	7,602.81	936.05
Checking	5,270.85	
Savings	2,291.96	936.05
Cash	40.00	
	<u>7,602.81</u>	<u>936.05</u>

INA Bylaws

The Bylaws can be viewed on the INA website: <http://ina.anaclubs.org>
 A white copy of the bylaws, can be obtained by contacting INA Secretary Beverly Ashton, 615 Central Avenue, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

From the Editors Desk

Denny Ross



It is with great regret that I will be resigning as an INA District Director and Editor of The Iowa Collector. I will be returning to my home state of Washington in May of 2010.

The May issue of the Collector will be the final issue, as editor, I will be publishing. As editor of The Collector I have been fortunate to meet and interact with many great people. The experience has been very rewarding as well as frustrating at times, but I leave having learned a tremendous amount about what it takes to publish an extremely high quality news journal, one that the INA and its members can be proud of.

On to other matters.

The bullion market has been going crazy recently. As I write this gold is over \$1,200.00 per ounce and silver over \$19.00. It remains to be seen if this upward trend will continue as several people in the know predict it will.

The collector market remains strong in most collector series. The demand for gem quality uncirculated material is very high, and the supply for this type of material is dwindling making it a challenge for collectors and investors alike to obtain the items they are searching for.

The prices being paid for gem quality coins and currency at the big auction houses has been through the roof. There have been several new record prices set on certain coins and currency in several auctions in the past few months.

If you failed to attend the INA Coin Show & Convention this last October you missed a great event. ANA President Clifford Mishler was on hand to do an educational seminar and to greet those attending the show. Professional numismatist Ron Lashmit presented a very informative program on coin and currency errors. Both events were well attended.

The INA is currently searching for a qualified individual to assume the position of editor of The Iowa Collector news journal. Anyone interested in filling the editors position can contact any of the INA officers for further details.

Again, thank you to the INA and all who assisted me as the Editor of this terrific publication.

Remember to support the INA and have fun with your hobby.

Respectfully, *Denny Ross*

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Programs on - Seated Liberty series; 1/2 dime, dimes, quarters,
Half dollars & seated dollars, Barber series; dimes, quarters & half
dollars, 1/2 cents, large cents, two cents, silver three cents & nickel
three cents, Clubs & Organizations.

Dale Dye (319) 351-3006

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Programs on - Grading, Boy and Girl Scout merit badges programs
Slabbing, The 'Art of coin collecting 'and general numismatic
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Program on - The History of coinage 'Ancients thru colonials.

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Program on - Lincoln cents 1909 thru 1958.

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a (515) 232-9222

Burlington ----- Last Tuesday, Midwest One Bank, Roosevelt & Division
Streets, 7:30 PM, Gary Kirby a (319) 752-2913

Cedar Rapids ----- Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Rockwell Main Plant
Cafeteria, 35th St. N. E., Dave Vaughn a (319) 366-5463

Clarion - Fourth Thursday, Pizza Ranch on Main St, 7:00 PM, Harry Peters
a (641) 762-3735

Decorah ----- First Tuesday, V. F. W. Building basement, 104 State St 7:30
PM, Dave Sanderson a (563) 568-2371

Dubuque ----- First Thursday, Bridge Restaurant, 31 Locust St, 7:00 PM
Neil Aitchison a (563) 556-5254

Des Moines -- First Tuesday, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 3120 E 24th, 7:00
PM, Roseoe Simmons a (515) 262-6008

Fort Dodge ----- Second Thursday, ICCC Applied Sciences & Technology
Bldg., 330 Ave M, 7:30 PM, Sam Ashton a (515) 573-3033

Grinnell ----- Second Monday, Community Center (Senior Citizens Room)
7:30 PM, George Fowler a (641) 236-3549

Hiawatha ----- Fourth Wednesday (except June & July), Hiawatha Library
50 William St. 7:00 PM, Dave Vaughn a (319) 366-5463

Irs City (Mt. Pleasant) --- First Thursday, Breadeaux Pizza, 7:00 PM, Ken
Reynolds a (319) 385-3248

Keokuk ----- Fourth Thursday (Third Thursday in Nov. & Dec.), SCC's S
Campus Student Lounge, 7:30 PM, Tom Gardener a (319) 524-7366

Old Capitol (Iowa City) ----- Second Tuesday, Veteran's Administration
Hospital (Third floor cafeteria), Hwy 6, 7:00 PM Tom Robertson a
(319) 351-2512

Oskaloosa --- Second Tuesday, Farm Bureau Building (basement), 7:30 PM
Clarence & Gail McKee a (641) 672-2763

Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Albion Road Baptist Church, 1601 Albion Road (Basement) 7:00 PM, Denny Ross *a* (641) 932-2731

Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday (No meetings June, July, Aug), Holiday Inn, Muscatine, Hwys 61 & 38, 7:00 PM, Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

Quad City (Moline, IL) - Third Thursday, Garden Center, 5th Ave and 34th Street, 7:00 PM, Jeff Struve *a* (309) 737-0206

Red Oak - Second Thursday, Regeney Retirement Center, 6:30 PM, Richard Trinity *a* (712) 829-2207

Siouxland (Sioux City) - First Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 1915 Nebraska Street, 7:00 PM John Jackson *a* (712) 274-9195

Storm Lake - Second Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 119 West 6th Street, 7:00 PM, Russ Post *a* (712) 284-2110

Wadena - Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA, 7:30 PM Dr. James L. Ralls *a* (319) 283-4440

Waterloo Cedar Falls - Second Tuesday, Waterloo Arts & Recreation Center, First & Commercial Streets, 7:00 PM, Dennis Emme *a* (319) 232-0662

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Thank you for your sponsorship!

Chris Seuntjens

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2010 Coin Show Calender

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Feb 27-28 Coin-A-Rama - Gates hall, 825 15th St., Nevada, IA (9-5), (9-3) Scott Nichols (515) 232-9222

March 14 Cedar Rapids Coin Show - Flks Lodge, 801 33rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA (9-4) Dave Vaughn (319) 366-5463

March 21 Port City Coin Annual Coin Show - Holiday Inn, Junction 62 & 38 North Muscatine, IA (9-4) Jim Burr (563) 262-9319

March 27-28 Fort Dodge Coin Show - Crossroads Mall, 5th Ave. S & 25th St., Fort Dodge, IA (10-6) (10-4) Sam & Bev Ashton (515) 573-3033

April 11 Quad City Coin Show - Milan Community Center, Camden Park, U.S. Route 67, Milan, IL John Brixey (309) 788-8726 Wk days after 4:00pm

April 18 Waterloo Coin Show - Waterloo Recreation Center, West First and Commerce Streets, Waterloo, IA (9-4) Dennis Imme (319) 232-0662

April 24 Clarion Coin Club Show - Clarion High School, 1111 Willow Dr., Clarion, IA (9-4) Jeff Judson (515) 532-2356

May 15-16 Keokuk Coin Show - River City Mall, 300 Main Street, Keokuk, IA (10-5) (12-5) Tom Gardner (319) 524-7366

July 10 Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo - Adventureland Inn, Altoona, IA (9-5) Chris Seuntjens (515) 251-4031 or Terry Holdridge (515) 964-1202

August 14-15 Iowa Great Lakes Coin Show - Spirit Lake Community Center, North of Great Lakes Mall (9-5) (9-3) Don McCulloch (712) 336-4618

October 2 Ottumwa Coin Club Show - Bridge View Center, 102 Church Street, Ottumwa, IA (-4) Denny Ross (641) 932-2731

October 9-10 72nd Annual IAA Coin Show & Convention - Adventureland Inn, Altoona, IA (9-5) (10-4) Chris Seuntjens (515) 251-4013

October 17 Tir-State Coin Show - Diamond Jo Casino, 301 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA (9-4) Richard Hillard (563) 557-7210

November 7 Keokuk Coin Show - River City Mall, 300 Main Street, Keokuk, IA (10-5) Tom Gardner (319) 524-7366

December 12 - Old Capitol Coin Club Show - Quality Inn I-80 & Hwy 1 (extn 246) Iowa City, IA (9-4) Tom Robertson (319) 351-2512

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Encourage and assist new collectors.
Stimulate and advance affiliations between our associations and kindred organizations in the United States and foreign countries.
Acquire and disseminate numismatic knowledge.
Generally represent numismatic interests throughout the State of Iowa.

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Officers

Officers are elected every two years by membership vote, by mail ballot, and take office at the annual convention following election. Officers consist of 16 members, including the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary/Treasurer, the immediate Past-President, and 11 Directors.

The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Associations Annual Convention held in the fall.

The Iowa Collector, the official bulletin, is published three times each year and sent to each member. The I.N.A., upon request, will help the heirs of any member in good standing find a qualified person or persons, in his area, to appraise an estate.

For further information about the I.N.A. contact any member, director or officer. An application has been enclosed with this issue of The Iowa Collector. To join fill it in and send it along with your check to:

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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Send this application together with \$10.00 for the current years dues.

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**In Memory
Donald Watts
1931 - 2009**

**Husband - Father - Brother - Friend
Numismatist**

Donald Watts, of Clarion, Iowa passed away Friday, November 13, 2009 at Careage of Clarion after a lengthy illness. He became a life-time member of the INA in 1964. Donald worked tirelessly to promote the growth and development of Clarion. He was an active participant in many organizations in Clarion including the Clarion Lions Club, Jaycees, Coin Club and the Clarion Development Committee; as well as the Iowa Numismatic Association Your Family, Friends and the Numismatic Community will miss you greatly.

Notice to ANA member Clubs

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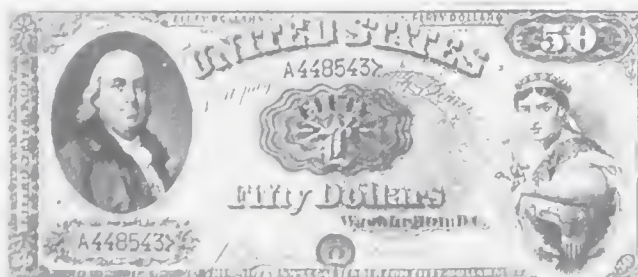
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A. 1836
B. 1851
C. 1863
D. 1864
2. In what year was the motto "In God We Trust" added to any denomination of U.S. coinage?
A. 1839
B. 1853
C. 1864
D. 1866

The purpose of coin clubs is to bring together those persons interested in the hobby of collecting coins. To encourage active participation in Numismatics. To uphold the principals of fair dealing. To study the history of the world through the art of coin collecting. To provide a meeting place for interested people and to promote good fellowship among its members.



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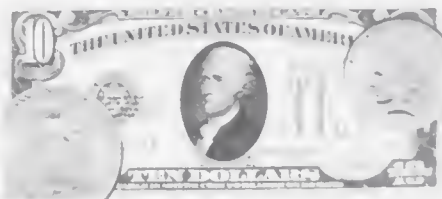
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Collecting Two-Cent Pieces 1864-1873

By Q David Bowers

Two-cent pieces, a short lived series, were issued from 1864 through 1873.

Exactly why a piece of this denomination was considered necessary in our decimal coinage system is not known. The suspension of specie payments (silver and gold coins) had severely restricted circulating coinage, and perhaps the two-cent piece was intended to help alleviate this.



The idea of a two-cent piece dates back many years earlier. Documents in the National Archives reveal that on December 12, 1836, the director of the U.S. Mint, Robert M. Patterson, proposed that a two-cent piece be coined. Early in 1836, Christian Gobrecht, who was to gain fame for his illustrious silver dollars of the 1836-1839 period, prepared patterns of this denomination. These

two-cent patterns, rare today, featured a small eagle with wings spread standing on a cloud, a design not too much different from that used decades earlier on the so-called Small Eagle reverse silver coins (1796 quarter dollar for example). The reverse of the piece was simple and bore the denomination within the wreath.

Despite the fact that patterns were made in several different metal compositions and varieties, the idea went no further than the Mint. Two-cent pieces were all but forgotten. In 1863 the denomination reared its head again. Several different patterns were issues prepared, pieces entirely unlike those made in 1836. The 1863 pattern two-cent pieces were of the size regularly adopted in 1864. Several different 1863 issues featured the head of President George Washington. Mottos on the pieces included GOD AND OUR COUNTRY, GOD OUR TRUST, and finally IN GOD WE TRUST.

In December 1863, Mint Director James pollock wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury as follows, in part: "I also propose for your consideration the coinage of a two-cent piece, same material and double weight of the cent, and with devices and mottos as may be approved by you. The piece would be a great public convenience, and its coinage, in my opinion, should be authorized. The devices are beautiful and appropriate, and the motto on each coin, as all who fear God and love country will approve. I prefer the

shield and arrows' to the 'head of Washington' on the obverse of the coin. They are submitted for your consideration."

In 1864, the first regular issue two-cent pieces made their appearance. Each bore the IN GOD WE TRUST inscription, the first appearance of the motto on any circulating United States piece. Two varieties exist for the year 1864—the so-called Small Motto issue and the Large Motto variety. The Small Motto coins are scarce in all grades and are great rarities in Proof. Great things were expected for the two-cent denomination, and in the first year, 1864, nearly 20 million pieces were coined. Enthusiasm and public acceptance waned, and in 1865 the mintage dropped sharply to just below 14 million pieces. The following year the mintage plummeted further to 3 million pieces. Production quantities drifted downward to the point at which only 65,000 were struck in 1872, the last time pieces were made for general circulation. The two-cent denomination was, for all practical purposes, dead.



There remained one final gasp, however. In 1873 approximately 600 specimens were made in Proof condition as part of sets distributed to collectors that year. These have the closed 3 numeral, with the upper and lower knobs on the digit close together. At a casual glance, the 3 resembled an 8, so the open 3 variety was made later. Apparently 500 or so of the latter style were produced, perhaps later in 1873 or a few years after that

time. Harry X. Boosel has specialized in the study of 1873 coin varieties and first publicized the open and closed 3 issues to numismatists through a series of articles in the *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine* years ago.

Between the first year of issue, 1864, and the last, 1873, there are several varieties of interest to the specialist. One has been designated as an overdate, "1865 4," but some believe it simply to be a recutting, not an overdating, of the last digit. A variety of 1867 has the letters composing IN GOD WE TRUST sharply doubled, similar to the 1955 Doubled Die cent variety. These are quite scarce.

Proofs were issued each year from 1864 through 1873. As noted, the 1864 Small Motto variety is a rarity in Proof condition. It is believed that fewer than two dozen exist. Proof 1873 two-cent pieces, while not particularly more elusive than Proofs of earlier dates, have a special significance as they are Proof-only issues; that is, no pieces were struck for general circulation. As such, completion of a date set of two-cent pieces requires that a Proof be obtained. This has placed an additional demand, over the years, on the supply of these coins.

As is the case with Indian cents, two-cent pieces in uncirculated and Proof are often apt to be less than expected once they are examined closely. All too many "Uncirculated" pieces are simply Extremely Fine or AU coins that have been cleaned to a bright orange color. True Uncirculated pieces with full mint color are quite scarce, even for the high-mintage dates of 1864 and 1865. Nearly always, such pieces with full original color have some Flyspecks or microscopic spots. In *Coin World* issue of May 23, 1973, I wrote a detailed article on two-cent pieces. I discussed how numerous coins had been cleaned and noted that "the time evidently is not too far distant when a truly brilliant Uncirculated (as opposed to a cleaned example) two-cent piece of any date will touch the \$100 mark and a Proof will be worth more than \$200." Readers of that story who owned or made purchases of such pieces were to see their value multiply by more than 10 times in subsequent years!

"The more things change, the more they are the same." Hence, numismatists had wry smile when they read a few years ago of an effort in Congress to propose a new denomination: the two-cent piece. The advantage, it was said, was that a two-cent piece would alleviate the production demands made for Lincoln cents. Further, it would simplify transactions in everyday commerce. It was not recorded in the article of the Congressional debate. As it turned out, the short-lived anticipated revival of the denomination came to naught.

In a related vein, the same modern era saw the Bureau of Engraving and Printing produce millions of \$2 bills with the hope that they would be accepted by the public (which they were not) and the Mint produced hundreds of millions of Susan B. Anthony dollars (which met with massive public indifference). In 1982 and 1983, I was asked to testify before Senate and House committees on matters involving proposed coinage. I was at once surprised and dismayed to learn that, with few exceptions, the lawmakers involved in enacting coinage legislation knew very little about numismatics, coinage history, or metallic money more than just a few years old. The same committees, however, had the foresight to ask several numismatists to present testimony, and I am pleased to say that such testimony was gratefully received.

While two-cent pieces are collected by dates by a number of specialists - some of whom identify specific die varieties using a monogram, *The Two-Cent Pieces and Varieties*, by Mike Kliman (published in 1977) - by far the greatest demand comes from numismatists seeking but a single example of the 1864-1873 for inclusion in a representative type set of United States coinage designs.

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ANA President attends INA Show

By Denny Ross

The Iowa Numismatic Association presented its 71st Annual Coin Show and Convention at Adventureland Inn on October 10-11 in Altoona, Iowa.

The INA was honored to have, recently elected, American Numismatic Association's President, Clifford Mishler, attend the show on Saturday. Mr. Mishler gave a talk, Saturday afternoon, on "Perspectives on our Hobby Community". His presentation was attended by twenty-five interested participants. Clifford was available all day Saturday to coin show attendees who may have had any questions or concerns for the ANA.

Also on the docket for Saturday seminars was error specialist Ron Lashmit, who offered a presentation on "Major die errors in coins and currency." His presentation drew in about twenty error enthusiasts that were attending the show.

The coin show was well attended by collectors and investors alike.

Show Chairman, Chris Seuntjens, expressed that he was very pleased with the shows attendance and the participation of ANA President Clifford Mishler and error specialist Ron Lashmit.

Hosted by the Des Moines Coin Club, the show was very well organized and managed.

All areas of numismatics were well represented with over fifty tables of numismatic materials, manned by thirty dealers.

Show attendees were also able to purchase any numismatic supplies or books they were looking for from, Jim Helin, of Northern Illinois Coin and Stamp.

The Sunday morning membership breakfast and meeting was attended by over forty registered INA members, who enjoyed the excellent food presented by the Adventureland Inns kitchen.

The Numismatist of the Year award was presented by INA President Lee Roe to, Secretary/Treasurer Beverly Ashton, during the membership meeting. Lee also presented certificates of appreciation to Clifford Mishler and Ron Lashmit for their seminar presentations.

The 72nd Annual Coin Show and Convention will be held in the same location, next year, on October 9 and 10.

The Iowa Numismatic Association, show Chairman Chris Sentjens and the members of the Des Moines Coin Club extends its thanks and appreciation to the dealers and all of those who attended the show this year and look forward to seeing everyone at next years show.



Chris Seuntjens (right) welcomes
ANA President Clifford Mishler
to INA coin show



INA President Lee Roe congratulates
Bev Ashton, winner of the INA's
Numismatist Of the year award.



Lee Roe presents a certificate of
appreciation to Ron Lashmit.



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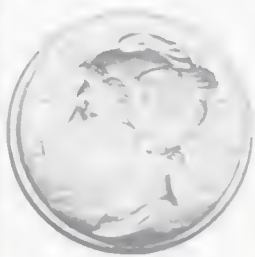
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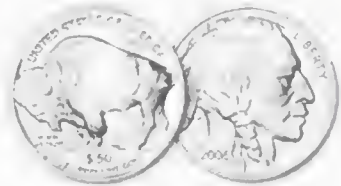
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